



FY2004 Budget Resolution Conference Report: Investing in ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOB CREATION

Accelerate Tax Cuts. The Budget leaves more money in consumers' wallets by speeding up the phase-in of the bipartisan tax relief enacted in 2001, including lowering rates, increasing the child tax credit and reducing the marriage penalty.

Eliminate Double-Taxation of Dividends. The budget provides for elimination of the punitive double-taxation of dividends, ridding the tax code of a bias that skews corporate decision-making and increases the cost of capital. The United States taxes dividends at a rate higher than any other country except Japan. Seniors receive half of all dividend payments.

Job creation. The accelerated tax cuts and elimination of the double-taxation of dividends are expected to create 1.4 million jobs over the next 18 months.

Reject Tax Increases. The Budget assumes that the major components of the bipartisan tax relief enacted in 2001 are not allowed to expire in 2010. If Congress allowed these tax cuts to expire, American taxpayers would face a \$134 billion tax increase in 2011 and would pay \$602 billion in higher taxes by 2013.